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SUBJECT: DENKTASH REACTS TO MAKARIOS' COLOMBO SPEECH

1. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS' SHARPLY CRITICAL AUGUST 17 ADDRESS
TO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT (RELEASED IN NICOSIA BY GOC SPOKESMAN) AND
STRONG RIPOSTE FROM TURK CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH HAVE UNHELPFULLY
SOWN NEW BITTERNESS, DAMAGED PROSPECTS FOR RESUMED TALKS AT ANY
LEVEL AND RENEWED TALK OF UDI. MAKARIOS, SETTING CYPRUS PROBLEM
IN CONTEXT OF "SHARPLY DECLINING ETHICAL STANDARDS IN THE INTER-
NATIONAL FIELD," PRESENTED FAMILIAR THEMES OF TURKISH "AGRESSION"
AND ALLEGED PARTITIONIST INTENTIONS, EXPULSION OF GREEK CYPRIOTS
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FROM THE NORTH, MISSING PERSONS, AND COLONIZATION AND

REAFFIRMED GREEK CYPRIOT SUPPORT FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND A "REASONABLE AND WORKABLE COMPROMISE" ON CYPRUS. NEITHER MINCING WORDS NOR WORRYING ABOUT HYPERBOLE, HE EXCORIATED "UNPARALLELED RUTHLESSNESS" AND "GENOCIDAL FEATURES" OF TURKISH AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION AND SAID THAT "TO FIND A PARALLEL ONE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK TO THE NAZI ATROCITIES OR TO THE ARMENIAN MASSACRES IN TURKEY OR GO BACK TO THE TIMES OF ATILAN...." MAKARIOS ALSO CHARGED THAT TURKEY WAS USING THE TALKS AS A SMOKE SCREEN FOR CONSOLIDATION OF DE FACTO SITUATION AND FURTHER FACTS ACCOMPLISHED AND TRIED TO GAIN POINTS WITH HIS NON-ALIGNED AUDIENCE BY LINKING TURKS WITH RHODESIA. TURKISH SIDE, HE SAID, "DRAWING INSPIRATION FROM THE RHODESIAN REGIME, IS THREATENING TO DECLARE UDI."

2. DENKTASH, ALREADY SMOLDERING OVER SUCCESSFUL GREEK EFFORTS TO PREVENT TURK CYPRIOT PRESENCE (LET ALONE PARTICIPATION) AT COLOMBO, BRANDED MAKARIOS "AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL" WHO HAD RESORTED TO "EVERY SAVAGERY" AND BRUTALLY USURPED TURKISH RIGHTS, AND TERMED HIS SPEECH "INSOLENT," "UNETHICAL," AND "BYZANTINE." MAKARIOS, HE SAID, ONCE MORE HAS PROVED HIMSELF TO BE FAR FROM A REALISTIC SOLUTION BASED ON THE EQUAL PARTNERSHIP OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES AND A BIZONAL SETTLEMENT. HIS SPEECH "HAS SERVED NO PURPOSE OTHER THAN PROVOKING THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY THAT HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO GENOCIDE FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS AND WIPING OUT HOPES FOR NEGOTIATIONS." CONCLUDING, DENKTASH SAID THAT MAKARIOS' SPEECH IN COLOMBO CONFIRMS THE NEED TO FORM A SEPARATE STATE, FOR "SO LONG AS MAKARIOS CONTINUES TO GUARD AND RULE THE GREEK COMMUNITY, THERE IS NO HOPE OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT. AND THE TURKISH COMMUNITY CANNOT BE CONDEMNED TO LIVE WITHOUT A STATE. WE ARE WAITING WITH CONCERN THE RESOLUTION THAT WILL EMERGE FROM COLOMBO. IF IT IS PARALLEL TO THE SPEECH OF MAKARIOS THEN IT WILL BE UNNECESSARY FOR US TO WAIT FURTHER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF SEPARATE INDEPENDENCE."

3. COMMENT: ANY DECISION REGARDING UDI CONTINUES TO REST WITH ANKARA. FOR THE MOMENT AND FROM THE NICOSIA VANTAGE POINT, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT ANKARA CONTINUES TO VIEW UDI AS CONTAINING UNACCEPTABLE RISKS AND DISADVANTAGES AND TO FIND PRESENT AMBIGUOUS SITUATION ON CYPRUS, THOUGH UNSATISFACTORY, AT CONFIDENTIAL

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LEAST TOLERABLE. DENKTASH, IN OUR VIEW WOULD DECLARE UDI TOMORROW IF HE COULD, BELIEVING AS HE DOES THAT NO SETTLEMENT IS POSSIBLE AND THAT SINCE UDI IS INEVITABLE, IT SHOULD BE DECLARED SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. IN THIS CONTEXT, MAKARIOS RHETORIC AT COLOMBO AND THE REFUSAL TO LET TURK CYPRIOTS PRESENT THEIR SIDE OF THE STORY IS BOUND TO PROVIDE DENKTASH WITH ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTS AS HE PRESSES HIS UDI CASE WITH ANKARA. END COMMENT.

4. SUBSEQUENT TO DRAFTING OF ABOVE DENKTASH ISSUED STATEMENT
IN WHICH HE CHARGED THAT MAKARIOS IS IN EFFECT "ASKING
THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE TO AUTHORIZE HIM TO EXTERMINATE THE
TURKISH COMMUNITY AND IS ASSUMING THAT CYPRUS IS A GREEK
ISLAND....THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS AND SETTLE-
MENT WITHOUT THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THIS FACT (THAT THE ISLAND
BELONGS TO BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS). AS A MATTER OF FACT,
THROUGH HIS SPEECH AT COLOMBO MAKARIOS AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES
IMPUDENTLY CLOSED ALL DOORS FOR NEGOTIATIONS."
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